

**Traffic Committee**  
**MINUTES**  
*May 21, 2013*

**Committee Members**

**Present:**

Council Liaison Mayor Pro-Tem Hazel Livingston, Chairman Susan Ruinen, Secretary Karen Hanner, Town Engineer Rosemarie Nuzzo, Parks Streets and Sanitation Director Dan Walker, Lt. Matt Davis, Randy Edwards, Bob Ferrell, David McGehee, Jay Daniels, Planning Commission Liaison Lisa Gibson

**Attending:**

Town Administrator Britt Poole, Town Police Department Chief Terrence Green, Major Jay Koon, Planning, Building and Technology Director John Hanson

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM in the Eli Mack Room by Chair Susan Ruinen.

**April Minutes:**

Chair Susan Ruinen asked if there were any corrections or comments about the April minutes. Bob Ferrell made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. David McGehee seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

**Relocation Corley Mill Rd:**

Britt Poole reported there are no new developments at this time on the Corley Mill Road project plans.

**Phase 1:**

Chair Susan Ruinen stated that the work on raising the road grade on Main Street is progressing. Britt Poole reported the project is at a 25% completion level. The underground detention design has been approved. Ms. Ruinen asked about Rush's closure. Mr. Poole stated the closing was planned to do renovations while the road construction was underway. He reported no complaints from businesses and the contractor appears to be doing a good job.

**Insync Signal:**

Britt Poole reported a final study on the Adaptive Signal System should be done in three or four weeks. The study is looking at a cost comparison between Insync and SynchroGreen. He stated the system recommends using mast arms to mount the traffic cameras and that doubles the cost of installing the system. Mr. Poole said it was rare to be able to justify using mast arms other than just for the appearance. In this case, it will improve the function of the signal system. He stated the Town will apply for funding from a Clean Air Grant using studies that show the signal system can influence air quality by reducing emissions.

**Interchange at I-20 & 378:** Britt Poole stated the sign encroachment permit has been approved by SCDOT. The bid date hasn't been announced yet.

**SC6/Parker Rd/  
Middlebrook/Gibson:** Dan Walker told the committee SCDOT has reported there is no funding available for any improvements at these intersections. He stated he is aware of two recent accidents at SC 6 and Middlebrook Drive, probably due to impatient young drivers.

**Vision Plan:** Britt Poole reported improvements are soon planned for Main Street. Hazel Livingston commented that dead and poorly performing trees will be removed. Evergreen trees will be planted along with added seating and planter boxes. Some of the funding for the project will come from the Beautification Foundation.

**Roundabouts:** Randy Edwards told the committee that he spoke to Tony Sheppard at SCDOT regarding the preliminary proposal for a roundabout at the intersection of Old Chapin Road and Old Cherokee Road. The proposal will be added to a list of projects for future collaboration between SCDOT and Lexington County to obtain funding.

**N Lake/Main, No Right Turn:** Dan Walker stated he spoke to SCDOT and they reported they were looking at the intersection of East Main Street and North Lake Drive. The replacement signal poles for the intersection have been ordered.

**Mineral Springs at Cedar Road:** Susan Ruinen reported that she hasn't spoken to SCDOT regarding Mineral Springs and Cedar Road yet.

**Commercial Garbage:** Dan Walker reported receiving a complaint about trucks servicing commercial dumpsters at 5:00 a.m. The Police Department reported there was not a violation of the specifications in the Noise Ordinance. Mr. Walker said Town Council suggested adjusting the truck routes to avoid residential areas until after 7 a.m. Bob Ferrell recommended the Traffic Committee remove itself from the issue. Susan Ruinen agreed with removing the debate from the Traffic Committee agenda but disagreed with the proposal to ban collections until after 7 a.m. Dan Walker made a motion to remove the item from the Traffic Committee agenda. Bob Ferrell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

**Speed Limit on 378:** The Traffic Committee received a request to consider reducing the speed limit from 45 mph to 35 mph on Highway 378 between the entrance to Golden Hills (Scotland Drive) and Mineral Springs Road. Chief Terrence Green said his department could do a speed study and accident survey for the area. Susan Ruinen stated a comparison is needed along a longer segment of the corridor. Randy Edwards suggested collecting data regarding a comparable location in a 45 mph

zone. Britt Poole said there are a number of curb cuts in the 35 mph zone with more space between curb cuts in the 45 mph zone. Susan Ruinen asked for a comparison study of speed and accidents on the section of 378 between Old Cherokee Road and Whiteford Way and the section between Whiteford Way and Mineral Springs Road.

Dan Walker reported a new No Right on Red sign at the intersection of Mallard Lakes Drive and Highway 378.

**The next Traffic Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 18, 2013, at 8:00 AM in the Eli Mack Room at the Lexington Municipal Complex, 111 Maiden Lane, Lexington, SC.**

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Dan Walker seconded by David McGehee with unanimous approval by members present.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Hanner,

**Approved By:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Susan Ruinen, Chair**